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SUBJECT: U.S. RESPONSE TO JAPANESE SSOD PROPOSAL ON
COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN (CTB)

REFS: A) GENEVA 6937, B) STATE 118210

1. AMBASSADOR FISHER MET BRIEFLY WITH JAPANESE AMBASSADOR
OGISO, MAY 10, TO CONVEY U.S. RESPONSE, CONTAINED REF B,
TO JAPANESE SSOD PROPOSAL CALLING FOR PARTICIPANTS IN
TRILATERAL CTB NEGOTIATIONS TO DECLARE A MORATORIUM ON
ALL NUCLEAR TEST EXPLOSIONS PENDING CONCLUSION OF A CTBT
(SEE REF A).

2. OGISO MADE NO COMMENT BUT SAID THAT HE WOULD CONVEY
U.S. RESPONSE TO TOKYO.

3. FISHER ALSO INDICATED THAT US CTB DEL WAS PREPARED TO
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BRIEF JAPANESE, IN GENEVA, ON STATUS OF CTB NEGOTIATIONS.

4. SUBSEQUENTLY US CTB DEL ALTERNATE REP (NEIDLE) MET
WITH OGISO AND BRIEFED HIM ON STATUS OF CTB NEGOTIATIONS
WITH EMPHASIS ON VERIFICATION ISSUES. HE STRESSED
SENSITIVITY OF SECURITY ISSUES INVOLVED IN A CTB AND SAID
U.S. HAD CONCLUDED THAT ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE RELIABLE,

HIGH QUALITY SEISMIC DATA THE U.S. NEEDED FROM STATIONS INTERNAL TO THE SOVIET UNION COULD BE MORE READILY NEGOTIATED IN A U.S.-SOVIET AGREEMENT THAN IN A WORLD-WIDE MULTILATERAL TREATY. THEREFORE WE WERE SEEKING TO WORK OUT A SEPARATE VERIFICATION AGREEMENT THAT WOULD COVER BOTH INTERNAL SEISMIC INSTALLATIONS AND PROCEDURES FOR ON-SITE INSPECTIONS. WHILE THERE WERE ENCOURAGING SIGNS, AND THE SOVIETS HAD ACCEPTED MANY OF OUR CONCEPTS IN PRINCIPLE, THE DETAILS REMAINED TO BE WORKED OUT AND NEGOTIATIONS WERE AT A DELICATE STAGE. THEREFORE THE U.S. WOULD NOT LIKE TO SEE PRESSURE BUILD FOR A MORATORIUM WHICH COULD ONLY COMPLICATE OUR EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE THE KIND OF VERIFICATION ARRANGEMENTS WHICH WERE ESSENTIAL FOR US AND WHICH WERE THEREFORE NEEDED TO MAKE A TREATY POSSIBLE.

5. NEIDLE AGAIN STRESSED THAT THE DETAILS ON THE NEGOTIATIONS WERE VERY SENSITIVE AND ASKED THAT THE JAPANESE DEL ENSURE MAXIMUM PROTECTION TO THE INFORMATION.

6. OGISO EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE BRIEFING AND AGREED TO REQUEST THAT INFORMATION BE TREATED AS SENSITIVE AND HELD CLOSELY. HE SAID IT WOULD BE VERY USEFUL TO GOJ IN THE CONSIDERATION OF MORATORIUM INITIATIVE.
VANDEN HEUVEL

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